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The Honorable Nicole Rowley, Chair
The Honorable David Strohmaier, Commissioner
The Honorable Josh Slotnick, Commissioner
Missoula County Board of County Commissioners
199 West Pine
Missoula, MT 59802-4292

RE: Frenchtown Smurfit-Stone Mill Site

Dear Commissioners Rowley, Strohmaier and Slotnick:

Thank you for your January 2, 2019 letter regarding the Smurfit-Stone Mill Site (Site) in Missoula, Montana. EPA appreciates Missoula County's commitment to the Site, and we share many goals regarding protection of human health and the environment. Because the partial government shutdown prevented us from meeting in January, I am meeting with Travis Ross on February 8th to discuss the Site status and identify dates for a future, larger meeting to discuss the issues presented in your January letter.

Thank you for your patience throughout the difficult period of the shutdown. I look forward to working with you as we progress through Site investigation and cleanup.

Sincerely,

Allie Archer
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8

cc: Joe Vranka, Montana Superfund Unit Supervisor
Keith Large, Montana Department of Environmental Quality